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Claims

1. A planting system for regulating the supply of water to a plant (22), the system comprising a liner (28) containing a volume of plant growing medium (30);

characterised in that:

5 the liner is impermeable to water,

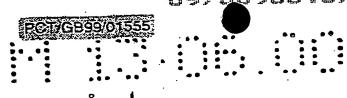
the system further comprises drainage means (40) adapted to drain water from the plant growing medium (30) contained within the liner (28) and convey the drained water to a desired location;

and wherein the liner (23) serves to prevent drainage of water from the medium (30) into the surrounding subsoil.

- 2. A system according to claim I characterised in that the liner (28) is a plastics material.
- 3. A system according to claims 1 or 2 characterised in that the drainage means (40) comprises a pipe.
- A system according to claim 3 characterised in that the pipe (40) is provided with perforations.
 - 5. A system according to claim 3 or 4 characterised in that the section of the pipe (40) located within the liner (28) is surrounded by a particulate material (42).
 - 6 A system according to claim 5 characterised in that the particulate material (42) is gravel.

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- 7. A system according to claim 5 or 6 characterised in that the particulate material (42) is surrounded by a dispersing layer (44).
- 8. A paving system comprising at least a surface layer (12) provided with an island (24) in the form of a hole or trench for receipt of a plant, in combination with a planting system as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8.
- 9. A paving system according to claim 8 characterised in that the surface layer (12) is impervious to water.
- 10. A paving system according to claim 8 characterised in that it comprises:

 a permeable layer (12) providing an upper surface;

 at least one supporting substrate layer (20) thereunder which is permeable to liquid;

 at d duct means (34) for allowing the regulated passage of water from said substrate layer to the plant growing medium (30).
- 11. A paving system according to claim 10 characterised in that it further comprises a containment layer (16) containing said substrate layer for preventing egress of water from said supporting substrate layer (20) into surrounding ground.